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## SJSU'S PARKING PROBLEM

### Parking woes intensify



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Finding parking at the Seventh Street garage, as seen from the view of a driver.

#### New San Jose city ordinance: no commuter parking in SJSU neighborhoods

By Anna Bakalis  
Daily Executive Editor

In a move that adds another reason to hate driving to campus, the city implemented a permit plan Aug. 1 that prohibits student parking in side streets.

"There should be some neighborhood parking reserved for commuters," said Saad Sultan, an electrical engineering senior who commutes 45 minutes from Concord.

"If I have my own vehicle, I should be able to use it," he said.

Although there may be empty spaces to park, only residents and downtown workers with a valid permit may do so.

In an April 16 meeting, the San Jose City Council gave a unanimous vote to implement the proposed residential permit-parking plan. The next decision was either to begin enforcement in the next few months or wait until spring 2003.

"The residential permit plan is up and running," said Jim Ortbal, deputy director of parking and administration for the city of San Jose. "The most important thing now is to educate and warn the students."

While some residents were not active in the petition, there are 20 blocks surrounding campus that are now commuter-unfriendly.

About 750 spaces are estimated to be affected by the permit plan, and up to 1,500 students are expected to be displaced daily, according to city traffic reports.

"It's bad because the spaces are gone where you could once park and

walk," said Jasmine Kaur, a graduate student in biology.

Kaur said she has early morning classes and expects it will be harder than ever to find a place to park in time. She has been going to SJSU for four years and, in terms of parking, thinks this is the worst semester so far.

"What's the use of paying double the amount and still not be able to get a space?" she said. "That's how it is I guess."

A street citation will cost \$51 and does not go toward university transportation funds, said Ortbal.

Once an alternative to the three campus garages, street parking was a way that students could park and walk without waiting for a shuttle or circling the garages.

Don Kassing, vice president for administration and finance for SJSU, said that no information was sent out to students prior to last week.

"We didn't do it too early because students wouldn't remember it," Kassing said.

Instead, most students will find out when they try to park in an area once known for student-friendly parking spaces. Now there are signs that read "S.U.N. Permit Parking Only, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. except Sundays and Holidays."

On Friday campus police officers distributed warning fliers in an attempt to let people know about the residential permit parking and the lack of street parking for students.

Back in May, Kassing, along with

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### Semester parking permits jump \$34, daily permits up \$2

Rima Shah

Daily Staff Editor

Fees for semester parking permits have increased to \$115 this semester, up from \$81 in the previous semester.

The new rates, which were effective as of July 1, have outraged some San Jose State University students and many have complained that the new fees were enforced without sufficient notice.

Kristina Overcashier, a graduate student in music, said not receiving proper notification is an annoyance.

Overcashier said she found out about the fee increase after she showed up on campus last week and saw the price of day permits had gone up.

The price of a single-day pass has gone up from \$2 to \$4, according to parking services.

"I think the students should have been informed at the first possible time they knew about it," Overcashier said. "I am going to have to pay it; otherwise I will get a parking ticket and those are more expensive than the permits. There is really no way around it. But we didn't get to vote on it or anything like that."

Capt. Marianne Alvarez of the University Police Department said although the UPD knew that it was going to be inconvenient for the students, they had very little choice.

"Parking fees have not increased in over 15 years, but the cost of doing business has continued to increase," Alvarez said.

The cost of doing business, she said, includes labor, maintenance and update of parking structures, which have begun to age.

Alvarez said the fees were going

through an approval process during the summer, and students could not be notified earlier.

There was an effort to notify students as soon as they could, Alvarez said.

Sophomore Kelly Tran said she thought the fees last semester were already expensive and the increase was not necessary.

"Students have to pay for textbooks and food and everything else," she said.

Tran said she hasn't bought her

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### Luxury living space opens up housing options

By Mike Corpos  
Daily Staff Editor

Students are getting settled into their new apartments as a part of the new housing program for upper division students.

Last spring, San Jose State University reached a deal with the Esplanade luxury apartment complex to lease two buildings of the eight-building complex for student housing.

The deal was in response to the need for housing for upper division students who have been displaced from the on-campus dormitories.

With the demolition of Moulder, Markham and Allen Halls scheduled for next January and the increasing demand for campus housing, University Housing Services was forced to reserve on-campus living spaces for freshmen and sophomores. This left upper division students who needed a place to live with few options.

"The first words I had for this place were 'beautiful' and 'spacious,'" said Peter Rowand, a junior majoring in business administration, and recent transfer from De Anza College in Cupertino.

"My dad has an apartment close to here and his place is nothing like this. All of the things that are furnished are just amazing," Rowand said.

The student apartments come fully furnished, and include washers and dryers. Also included in the deal are water and electricity. Residents are responsible for telephone, Internet and television services.

The Esplanade complex also offers common barbecue areas as well as swimming pools, a hot tub and a workout room for all residents to take advantage of.

SJSU will be operating shuttle services to and from campus so students don't have to deal with parking on or near campus.

Located two miles north of campus on Ninth Street, the Esplanade is also

close to San Jose's Japantown neighborhood.

One thing Rowand appreciates about the new apartments is the less visible presence of the resident advisers.

"I haven't been bothered once by the RA's. They don't come around inspecting things and trying to be baby sitters the way they do in

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NIKI DESAULTELS / DAILY STAFF

The new San Jose State Esplanade apartments opened to students on Aug. 1. University Housing Services master leased two of the apartment complexes specifically for students.

### Student jailed for lighting battery

San Francisco-bound flight diverted to Salt Lake City; charges brought against SJSU student

Staff Report

A San Jose State University student made headlines last week when he was arrested after trying to recharge a battery with a cigarette lighter while aboard an airplane mid-flight.

The computer engineering major's actions forced the plane, en route from Chicago to San Francisco, to make an emergency landing in Salt Lake City, where he was jailed and charged Wednesday for interfering with a flight crew, a federal offense.

A complaint filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court, Central Division of Utah said that the man, 22-year-old Maxim Segalov of Santa Clara, lit a battery while in his seat. Another passenger alerted the head flight attendant.

The flight attendant, who allegedly saw the act herself, grabbed the battery and lighter then informed the captain of what had happened, the complaint said.

When asked why he had lit the battery, Segalov, who was returning from a trip to his native Belarus, told the flight attendant that friends had told him that lighting a battery would enable him to squeeze a little more energy out of it, and he was trying to recharge the battery so he could listen to compact discs.

The attendant asked another passenger to guard Segalov while she relayed the message to the captain,

who then put a "Level II Threat Security Condition" in effect.

The cockpit was secured and passengers were ordered to remain in their seats under the directive, and the American Airlines flight was diverted to Salt Lake City.

At a court hearing Wednesday, public defender Steven Killpack said that Segalov, who is an American citizen, didn't have any terrorist intentions.

"I think he's scared to death and doesn't understand anything at this juncture," Killpack said.

If convicted, Segalov faces a maximum 20 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Killpack said that the criminal complaint doesn't allege any type of disturbance, threat or resistance.

"(Segalov) denies any illicit intent," he said.

While authorities do not believe the incident is related to terrorism, anytime a passenger's actions force a plane to be diverted it is taken very seriously, said Melodie Rydall, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Salt Lake City.

Segalov's father, Efim, who spoke to his son by telephone, acknowledged that he made a poor decision, but said his son is an inexperienced traveler and did not have any bad intentions.

"It was an absolutely stupid action," Efim Segalov said. "But he didn't intend anything dangerous for other passengers."

He said his son told him, "I was only trying to listen to the music."

"It was a simple thing that has gotten him into a lot of trouble," Efim Segalov said.

The Associated Press and The Salt Lake Tribune contributed to this staff report.



## Letter from the editor

The Spartan Daily has a new look. We've put together a paper that looks more modern and more readable, with a new typeface and layout that will be consistent and visually appealing.

In addition to new fonts and graphics, our content has a fresh face.

Every semester the Spartan Daily changes editors, for good or ill. Sometimes the continuity of relevant, ongoing issues can lag and become repetitive from semester to semester. With this in mind, I've gathered the best reporters from last semester for the editorial positions. Their reporting skills and dedication make up for lack of editorial experience.

This semester's Spartan Daily has new blood and a desire for a good relationship with the campus community. You can watch us as diligently as we watch you. If you have a story idea or want to write in with an opinion about our content, please write us a letter.

We will publish articles, letters to the editor, viewpoints as well as columns written by our editors and senior staff writers. Kemberly Gong, a senior staff writer, will have a political column on Tuesday; former executive editor Ben Aguirre, Jr. will return with "Annoyed" on Mondays. The Opinion page will have the incisive, funny and original comic strip, Another Dimentian. Artist Jonah Ptak, a graduate student in engineering, will be contributing his comic strips five times a week.

Expect many stories on campus parking. It is an issue that affects commuters as well as students and staff who live around campus. A majority of SJSU students commute and a large number of them, even after warnings about campus parking problems, still drive to

campus, get frustrated and don't know where to turn.

Because we are SJSU students ourselves, we understand and experience the same parking, campus and classroom problems as you. You can expect relevant, comprehensive and ongoing coverage of pertinent issues.

We are commuters, we live on campus and we live in SJSU neighborhoods. We drive, we walk, and we buy books. We sit in class and we stress out and we pay student fees.

This is a campus that boasts a student population whose interests are just as diverse and unique as the many faces that go here.

This newspaper is your connection to campus news, events and issues that are important to you as a student and member of this community.

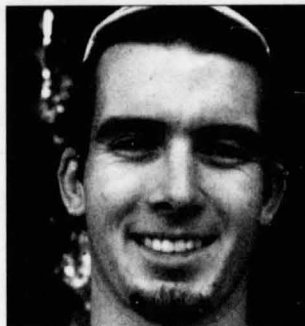
We serve as a watchdog to campus organizations that use our money, including Associated Students, our student government; the Academic Senate, our policy making committee; the new \$178 million Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library, an experiment between the city and SJSU.

Often misunderstood, the relationship between campus and the Spartan Daily can be a volatile one. On one hand, a campus paper is a separate entity but on the other, we work in tandem with the concerns of the university community.

In an attempt to better understand the tumultuous but necessary relationship between us — the Spartan Daily and you — we asked: "Why do you read the Spartan Daily?"

Anna Bakalis  
Executive Editor

## campusvoices: Why do you read the Spartan Daily?



"It keeps me informed about what is going on around campus. The world and community news is also informative."

Joe Becker  
Sophomore, Art



"What I like about the Daily is it provides updates about current events and the latest campus news."

Amanda Bunnell  
Sophomore, Marketing



"I enjoy it because keeps me informed about current events and activities at SJSU."

Mica Burch  
Senior, International Business



"I like to read it for information about school and events. The after school activities and entertainment stories are enjoyable as well."

Yvonne Camacho  
Junior, Liberal Studies



"I read the Daily everyday, it keeps me busy during class."

Brian Freia  
Junior, Advertising

"The Daily is informative. It keeps me updated about on-campus and off-campus news. I like it because it is about student life."

Anette Herrera  
Senior, Kinesiology



"Of course I read the Daily. It keeps me in touch with school news, activities and events."

Lauren Guajardo  
Sophomore, Engineering



"I read the paper because for the campus news stories. They are informative."

Nathaniel Yates  
Junior, Mechanical Engineering



"I read the Daily because it is pertinent to my life. It is my school paper. I love the crossword puzzles."

Leah Marks  
Senior, Animation/Film



"The Daily is enjoyable because of the variety of topics and student viewpoints."

Jon McBride  
Sophomore, Marketing



"What I like about the Daily is it tells me about school activities. Also, I enjoy the sports stories and read the classifieds for jobs."

Marilyn Nita  
Sophomore, Criminal Justice Administration



"Yes, I read the daily. I like the general news and campus news stories best."

Raquel Ohlssen  
Sophomore, Psychology



"I read the Daily because it keeps me updated on news. Also, I enjoy the crossword puzzles."

P.J. Rojindangam  
Senior, Marketing

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A Viewpoint is the same as a letter to the editor, except it is a 400-word response to an issue or point of view that has appeared in the Spartan Daily.

Submissions become property of the Spartan Daily and may be edited for clarity, grammar, libel and length. Submissions must contain the author's name, address, phone number, signature and major.

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# editorsrespond:



"I think the political crossover of city and university issues is more relevant now than ever. An ongoing yet still relevant issue is the lack of campus parking and alternatives to inevitable garage rage."

**Anna Bakalis**  
Executive Editor



"The major overall issue on our campus is the immense changes it will be undergoing in the coming years. The campus is going to have an entirely new look in the next ten years, and it is starting now. Go Spartan Party."

**Dray Miller**  
Managing Editor



"The important issues this year are student housing, parking, and fee increases. It's up to the Daily to keep students informed of where their money goes. Also of great importance is the anniversary of 9/11 and its effect on students."

**Mike Corpos**  
Opinion Editor



"This semester we face a few new problems. Aside from the typical parking overflow, which will be worse this semester than any other, we have the completion of the new library and the demolition of the dorms."

**Ben Aguirre, Jr.**  
co-Sports Editor



"As a sports writer, the lack of support for our school's athletic teams has always perplexed me. The fact that the San Jose State football team draws less than 10,000 spectators to their games is ridiculous."

**Chris Giovannetti**  
co-Sports Editor



"For the arts, I believe emphasizing media that entertains and stimulates is what's going to be important. Greater attention to independent media will also be key this semester."

**Ali Fard**  
Arts and Entertainment Editor



"Any publication must serve as a watchdog for its community. With issues arising in everything from Associated Students to parking permits, it is important for The Spartan Daily to be persistent in coverage of the campus"

**Andrea Scott**  
Production Editor



"It is important to focus on the different kinds of students that make up San Jose State University and the problems each of them has to face."

**Rima Shah**  
Projects Editor



"Parking was a problem when I arrived here four years ago, it continues to be a problem now, and I suspect it will be a problem when I graduate in three years (maybe)."

**JaShong King**  
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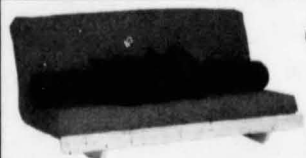
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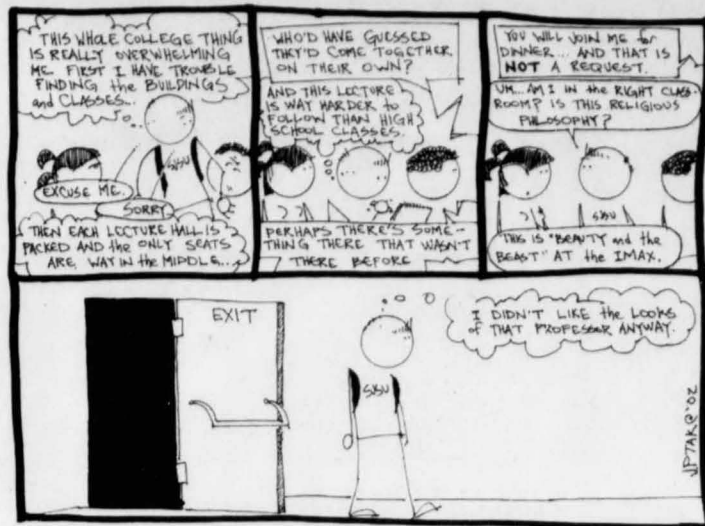
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## Letters | Extra Terrestrials and Christian queries about 9/11

Dear Editor,

On January 25, 2002 a letter appeared in the Spartan Daily titled "Can we really ever know about extraterrestrials?"

This letter is intended to publicly question two controversial perspectives on extraterrestrial (ET) life and conclude with a friendly reminder.

Question: could either of the following views be proven or verified to be objectively true?

If "no," why not?  
If "yes," how?  
Theological/Christian view: as God personified, Jesus

Christ transcendentally exists beyond our planet with the knowledge of our human existence.

Humanistic/Non-religious view: At least one (unspecified) source of ET life is able to make contact with humanity.

Reminder: Whether or not either of these views is objectively true, we know, in fact that truth cannot contradict itself.

Sincerely,  
Emilio "Chick" D'Arpino,  
Undeclared

Dear Editor,

One year later the same question is being asked by thinking people everywhere: Where was God on Sept. 11, 2001?

The answer is that God is at the same place, "Our father which art in heaven,"

(Matthew 6:9), that he was when his son was hanging on a cross in our place almost 2,000 years ago.

Lawrence Eagletears  
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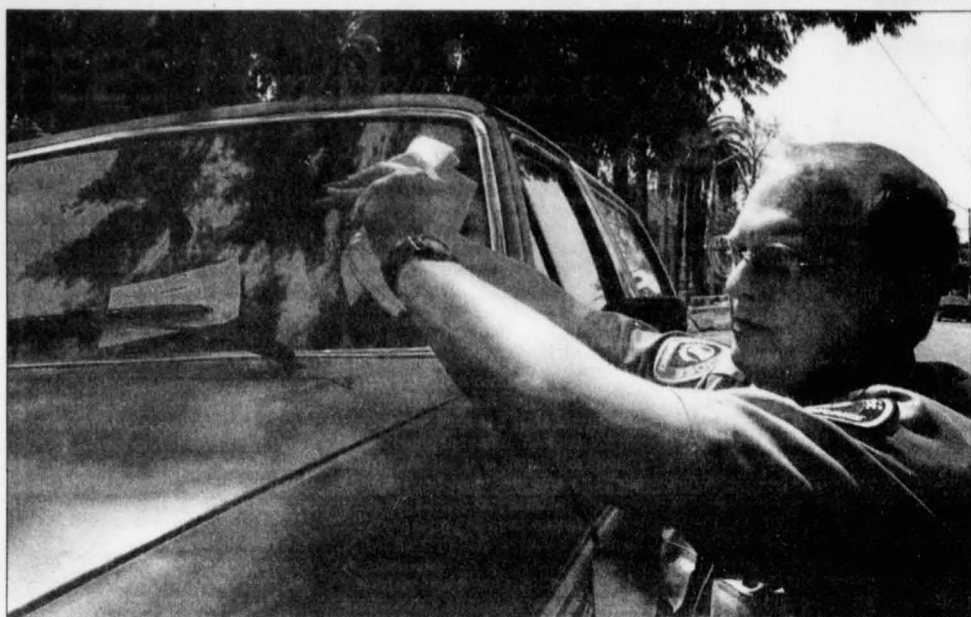
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Parking Compliance Officer Tim Lewis inserts a warning notice under the windshield wiper of a car parked without a residential permit at S.U.N. neighborhood, south of campus on Friday.

## PERMITS | 20 blocks affected

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other university officials, advocated the paving of a south campus track and field. The facility was named after the famed track coach, Bud Winter, and was used by residents.

James Clark, a resident of that neighborhood, was a strong supporter of keeping the historic field.

"The city was more on our side than the university was," Clark said. "At least we have some temporary hold on the paving."

Bud Winter Field, which would have given 800 extra spaces, will not be paved this year, according to Kassing.

Instead of street parking, the city has given a temporary lot in south campus for students to park, totaling about 300 spaces.

"The city's provided us access to the county parking lot on Senter Road,"

Kassing said.

The parking areas are located in near the Park and Ride Lot.

"The only option for students will be to park in south campus," said Kassing.

But for students who are residents in the proposed permit area, this plan is a cheap way to get a parking space.

For less than \$20 a year, residents are guaranteed a space close to home.

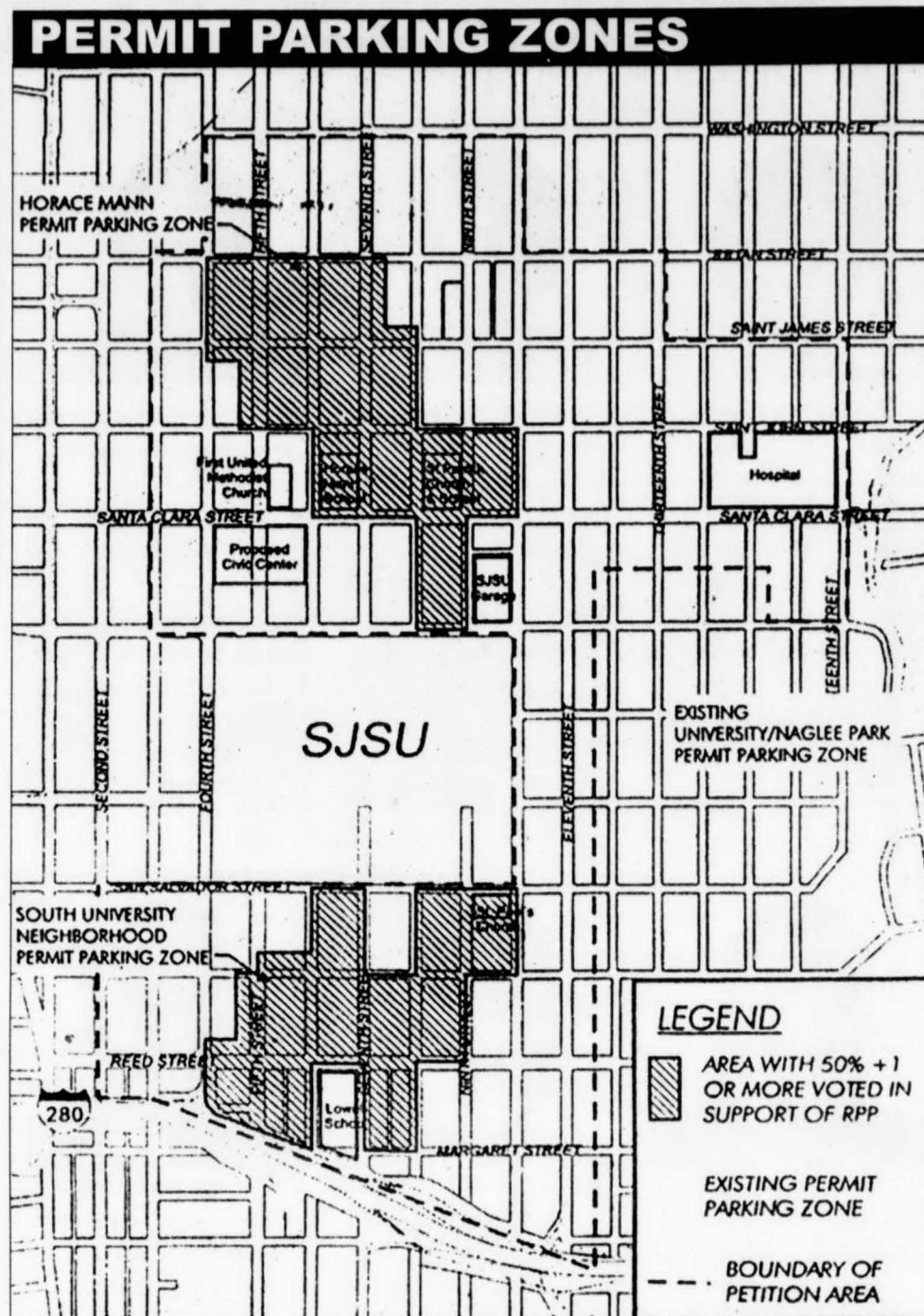
"I'm very happy about the \$18.50 a year permit," said Yasir Rao, a junior studying management information systems. Rao has been living in the 10th Street neighborhood, located south of campus, for three years.

"I think it's easier to be a local here now that you're guaranteed parking," he said.

The south campus areas in the residential permit plan include: three blocks on the edge of campus, near

the University Police Department; four blocks from Fifth to Ninth streets and about six blocks surrounding Lowell Elementary School, including the neighborhood closest to the Highway 280 bridge, to Margaret Street. The north of campus areas in the residential permit plan include: one block, from the corner of San Fernando and Seventh street to Santa Clara Street; the four blocks behind, including St. Patrick Church and the Horace Mann school and about seven blocks north, away from campus, to Julian Street (See Map).

Students and staff who are residents in the 20 blocks can contact the San Jose department of Transportation at 277-4304. In order to get a permit, students must show a signed lease agreement or a utility bill to prove residency.



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## FEES | Only alternative is creativity

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permit yet, and if she finds that she can't afford it, she will carpool with friends.

For Abhik Roy, a computer engineering senior, the fact that many students are considering carpooling or using alternative transportation is a positive byproduct that will come out of the fee increase.

"I feel that it's pretty pathetically stupid because students don't have money," Roy said. "It could cut down traffic in a way. It could be good. People could carpool and they could bike to school and it could cut down the pollution. I think it would be a good thing overall because people should just carpool or bike or take the bus."

Alternative transportation and carpooling is an option that Alvarez suggests to students, who find that they cannot afford the fee increase.

Ryan Rodriguez, a graduate student in music, however, felt that public transportation is not a solution.

"I would take light rail if I didn't have late classes," Rodriguez said. "I have classes until 10 on Monday nights. I am not going to ride the light rail at 10 in the night. It is not because it is bad or anything, but because it comes every 30 minutes and I can't do

that. I don't have that much time."

Alternative transportation isn't an option either for students such as Ricky Chang, a senior majoring in computer science, who commutes from San Francisco.

"It is pretty sad that I have to pay more," Chang said. "We pay \$115, but we are not guaranteed a spot when we come here. I have to look like half an hour for it. If we pay \$115, we should get parking at least."

Apart from alternative transportation, Alvarez said students should park in the Park and Ride lot, instead of searching for a parking space on the main campus. It is located on South Campus and costs \$58, about half the price of the regular permits.

"We're going to need more parking, so we have to look at being creative," Alvarez said.

Students such as David Ngo, a senior majoring in management information systems, said he dealt with the problems of increasing permit fees by buying only a two-day permit.

"I think it is kind of outrageous," Ngo said. "I have made my classes where I only go two days a week, and I just buy a two-day permit. I have to be in school longer than normal because I have all my classes all through one day. I wanted to spread

out my classes Monday through Thursday but then I couldn't. I don't want to pay \$115 to go to school everyday for only two hours."

Alvarez said the money would be utilized, among other things, in repainting curbs, updating counters and ticket machines, sealing the roof of the parking structures, patching the Park and Ride lot and painting the interior of the parking structures white to improve parking and reflection.

"We have always tried to improve parking with the little money we have," Alvarez said.

The implementation of residential permit parking by the city of San Jose around SJSU as well as losing 465 spaces in the new Fourth Street garage also added to the need for raising parking permit fees.

Alvarez said the money would not go to creating more parking structures.

"That's a dream but we're landlocked on main campus," she said.

However, the UPD is always looking for alternative places on South Campus, Alvarez said.

"We've gone as far as we possibly can to not raise fees, but we're at the end," she said. "We've done as much as we can."

See Wednesday's paper for student opinions of parking problems

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## vacuous retired political science professor, school activist, dies at 77

By Saadia Malik  
Daily Staff Writer

Young's home reflects his life as a dedicated professor and lover of books. Books about a wide variety of subjects, mainly governance and multiculturalism, fill his house from floor to ceiling. "He was a man who loved education, he loved students and he loved to teach," said his wife Linda. "That was his entire life." He died on Aug. 8, the vivacious and witty retired political science professor chose his gravesite on a overlooking San Jose State University. He was 77.

Young was a gadfly who continually challenged students and colleagues in the classroom. Young came to SJSU in 1965 to continue to serve the university as a nonvoting, but vocal, member of the Academic Senate until his death. His colleagues, "they got it," he said. "They should have given me the vote and not to speak." He was twice elected chair of the Academic Senate as a professor, from 1987 and again from 1993 to 1995. During this time he often gave fiery speeches to presidents a hard time, and was just to make it interesting. He had a mischievous streak about him. "He was a real character," said Bunzel, university president from 1970-1978.

Young was more than one Academic Senate meeting he would go off on a tangent about something just to keep awake. We often disagreed, but always cordial and friendly." He was one of the issues he was most vocal about during meetings was his opposition to increased expenditure on the university from instructional funds. He was adamant that the university admit students based on academic, not athletic performance.

Young spent his time at the university he

served on the Board of General Studies from 1984 to 1985 and again from 1992 to 1995.

He served as political science department chair from 1972 to 1984 and again in 1990 and developed new courses in public opinion and ethnic politics.

Terry Christensen, political science chair, has known Young for more than 30 years and was a pallbearer at his funeral.

"He was a mentor most of all," said Christensen, who specializes in local politics and governance.

"Even though we worked in different areas of political science, he was always giving me article clippings about local politics because he wanted to encourage people in what they do. He was always thoughtful like that."

Young was also known for being a tough instructor who sought to bring out the best in his students.

"He never let you get away with easy answers," said Nancy McFadden, a former student and now senior adviser to Gov. Gray Davis. "He challenged you as a student and in political life."

Young was born and raised in San Angelo, Texas.

He served in the Navy and was a lieutenant with several medals by the time he was discharged.

He received his undergraduate degree in theater from Cornell University before heading to Hollywood to look for work as an actor or director.

His strong Texas accent was unacceptable for Hollywood, so he went to radio school to try to shake it off, said his brother-in-law Ray Garcia.

But instead of acting he found work as a professional photographer, snapping hundreds of photos of different celebrities, including Joan Crawford, Bette Davis, and a 16-year-old Elizabeth Taylor. He collected his photos in a four-inch thick scrapbook with autographs.

But Young eventually decided that Hollywood was not for him, and decided to go into education, which he saw as similar to acting.

"As a teacher he felt he was onstage with an audience," said his wife Linda.

He went back to Texas to teach high school and earned a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin, before teaching at a university in Oregon.

After that, he began teaching at SJSU. In 1999 he suffered a heart attack and underwent a double by-pass surgery. He also had Parkinson's disease and was diagnosed with cancer. He died of pneumonia.

But Linda said he remained full of life right up to the end.

"He was even making jokes in the trauma room," she said.

"The last years of his life were exactly like that book 'Tuesday's with Morrie,'" said Garcia, referring to the story of a teacher who continues to affect the lives of the people around him. "He knew how to inspire people right until the end. Even after death, he's influencing the choices we make."

The San Jose City Council ended Aug. 20 meeting early in honor of Young's life and contribution to politics.

Linda said she has received many sympathy cards from people who Young had met only once.

A celebration is being planned on Sept. 26 in honor of Young's life in the Student Union.

"He said he wanted a party with music and food," Linda said.

Young was a fan of Latino and Tehano music.

In addition to his wife, Linda, Young is survived by his sons Jason and Joshua, both of San Jose.

Donations can be made to the Roy E. Young Scholarship Fund, sponsored by the Political Science Department.

## Stricter visa process could delay arrival of father of conjoined twins

Associated Press

DALLAS — The father of 1-year-old Egyptian twins awaiting separation surgery could face delays in traveling to the United States because of new immigration rules imposed after Sept. 11, officials say.

Ibrahim Mohammed Ibrahim is scheduled to apply for a visa with the U.S. Embassy in Cairo on Sept. 2. If approved, the visa would normally take up to three weeks to be issued.

But young foreign men hoping to travel to the United States now must get their visa applications approved in Washington D.C. — and 30-year-old Ibrahim falls in that category.

That could hold up his arrival for a long time, said officials at the Dallas-based World Craniofacial Foundation,

which brought the twins to the United States.

The issue is pressing because doctors at the North Texas Hospital for Children won't go ahead with the surgery on Mohamad and Ahmed Ibrahim until they meet the father in person.

Ibrahim has said he supports the surgery. But specialists led by foundation founder Kenneth Salyer insist he be fully informed of the risks before they operate, said foundation director Sue Blackwood.

"It's vital that the father be here," Blackwood said. "Dr. Salyer said he won't do anything until he can speak to the father eyeball to eyeball."

Mohamed and Ahmed Ibrahim were born June 2, 2001, by Caesarean

section in a remote village in Egypt. They arrived in Dallas in June.

Tests show that the boys' attachment at the crown of their heads is extensive and includes the connection of blood vessels. Each has part of his own brain, but separating them could cause one or both to die.

Religious considerations in predominantly Muslim Egypt made the issue of separating the twins controversial.

But Egypt's top government-appointed cleric gave written approval for separation as long as doctors believed at least one twin would survive and the surgery wasn't experimental.

The foundation is paying for the twins' trip and hospital stay.

## San Jose officials ask what could have been done to protect Santana Row

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — San Jose Fire Department officials said they were concerned about the safety of Santana Row prior to Monday's fire which did an estimated \$50 million in damage to the retail and housing project, and now city officials are asking what precautions they could have taken to protect the building during its construction.

Fire officials said worries about the building's size and unusual design were addressed in negotiations with its developer, Federal Investment Realty Trust. Following the talks they were confident that the structure would be safe when completed.

But San Jose left fire protection during construction to Federal Realty and the general contractor, Bovis Lend Lease, according to city officials and public records.

The city had one fire inspector examine the huge site every few days, but fire officials said San Jose doesn't have the resources to monitor big construction projects constantly.

Other local governments in California have made provisions for possible fires on construction sites. Los Angeles' fire chief can require developers to hire full-time fire inspectors who keep an eye on activities, such as welding, that could ignite a fire. And Orange County requires a site to have paved roads that can

accommodate fire equipment before construction can begin on a large project.

Building inspectors were on the Santana Row site daily to make sure the completed structure met building codes, but they don't have authority to correct the problems they see, said San Jose's chief building officer Amal Sinha.

"We may need to look at regulations that empower the city. But is there a way to make it safe without increasing costs and causing delays? It's not an easy thing to do," Sinha told the San Jose Mercury News.

Sinha said many cities are moving to a "performance-based code" that gives city inspectors and engineers more leeway to use their professional judgment. In the case of Santana Row, the city required many precautions such as fire engine access ramps, fire hydrants and standpipes, and fire walls.

The requirements for the completed part of the complex held up well in last week's fire, but the buildings still under construction were nearly destroyed. The fire spread so quickly through the exposed construction the standpipes were useless and fire trucks tried to use the ramps, but had to back down.

The cause of the Santana Row fire is still under investigation. It is not yet known whether any precautions the city might have taken would have prevented or controlled it.

## Caret welcomes faculty, staff

Points of interest from President Robert Caret's welcome speech to faculty and staff on Thursday, August 22nd.

Construction to begin on new building project in January

Enrollment going up —

"Enrollment is exploding," Caret said.

• Estimated new enrollment revenue: \$6.1 million

• Bud Winter Field to remain unpaved

• Challenges in athletics: Strong

efforts to be made to keep Division I football status

• Ending point: "If we ever want to be in a position in which September 11th will not happen, education is the key."



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Specialist Robert Bain gives a handshake to Robert Caret after the end of his welcome address last Thursday in Morris Dailey Auditorium.

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# Revamped Spartans face tough challenges

*SJSU hopes to succeed against strongest schedule in years with a mix of returnees, transfers and new recruits.*

By Chris Giovannetti  
Daily Sports Editor

There's no getting Fitz Hill down. The second-year San Jose State University football coach and his squad are short on experience and long on travel miles entering Saturday's opener against Arkansas State University in Little Rock, Ark.

The Spartans return six starters — just one defensively — from a 2001 squad that finished 3-9. Even the

This season, Arroyo once again finds himself fighting for a starting job with Beau Pierce and newcomer Scott Rislov.

Pierce, who transferred from Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria, was rated the top California community college prospect for 2001 by jcfotball.com.

Pierce red shirted in 2001, a move that, according to Hill, has allowed the sophomore to learn and study the system.

Noticing that Carlson might not be granted an extra year of eligibility by the NCAA, the SJSU program

"It's a lot of pressure because they performed so well," Ferguson said of replacing Whitaker and Julien. "I'm a lot more shifty and agile though. I bring a lot more excitement."

The Spartans re-evaluated their offensive scheme in the off-season switching to a two-back set. The move helps veil the Spartans running game, a far cry from when Whitaker was the lone threat in the backfield and was the main target of opposing defenses.

"I'm very pleased with the off-season workouts we've had," Hill said. "Broussard, Pauley and Wooden all stepped up and Ferguson and (Rigg) also had good preseason camps."

Hill noted that the foundation of this season's team begins with the offensive line. Center LaMons Walker impressed the coaching staff enough in spring workouts to win the job.

Right tackle Tim Provost was named to Outland Trophy and Lombardi Trophy "Watch Lists" as a candidate for the top interior lineman and best lineman in Division I-A, respectively.

Left guard Joe Hayes, right guard Charley Dehoney and left tackle Jeff Gordon also help anchor the line.

Kicker Nick Gilliam and punter Michael Carr return as well.

Following a season ending loss to Stanford University last year, Hill said the only way to improve was to hit the recruiting trail. The recruiting class the program turned in during the off-season was one of the top-rated in the WAC.

Apart from Rislov and Rigg, Kendrick Sterling should see significant playing time at wide receiver behind Pauley and Wooden and as a kick returner, Hill said.

"The guys we recruited are just as good if not better," Hayes said of replacing a depleted offense. "We're going to be rumbling."

SJSU expanded its schedule this season to a grueling 13 games with eight of the first 10 games on the road and no bye weeks.

After opening at Arkansas State, the Spartans are scheduled to travel to No. 9-ranked Washington on Sept. 7, Stanford on Sept. 14 and the University of Illinois on Sept. 21 before finally playing their first home game and conference opener on Sept. 21 against the University of Texas-El Paso.

In the contest against the Miners, Neil Parry is expected to make his return. Parry suffered a compound fracture to his right leg covering a kickoff on Oct. 14, 2000. The leg was later partially amputated to stop infection.

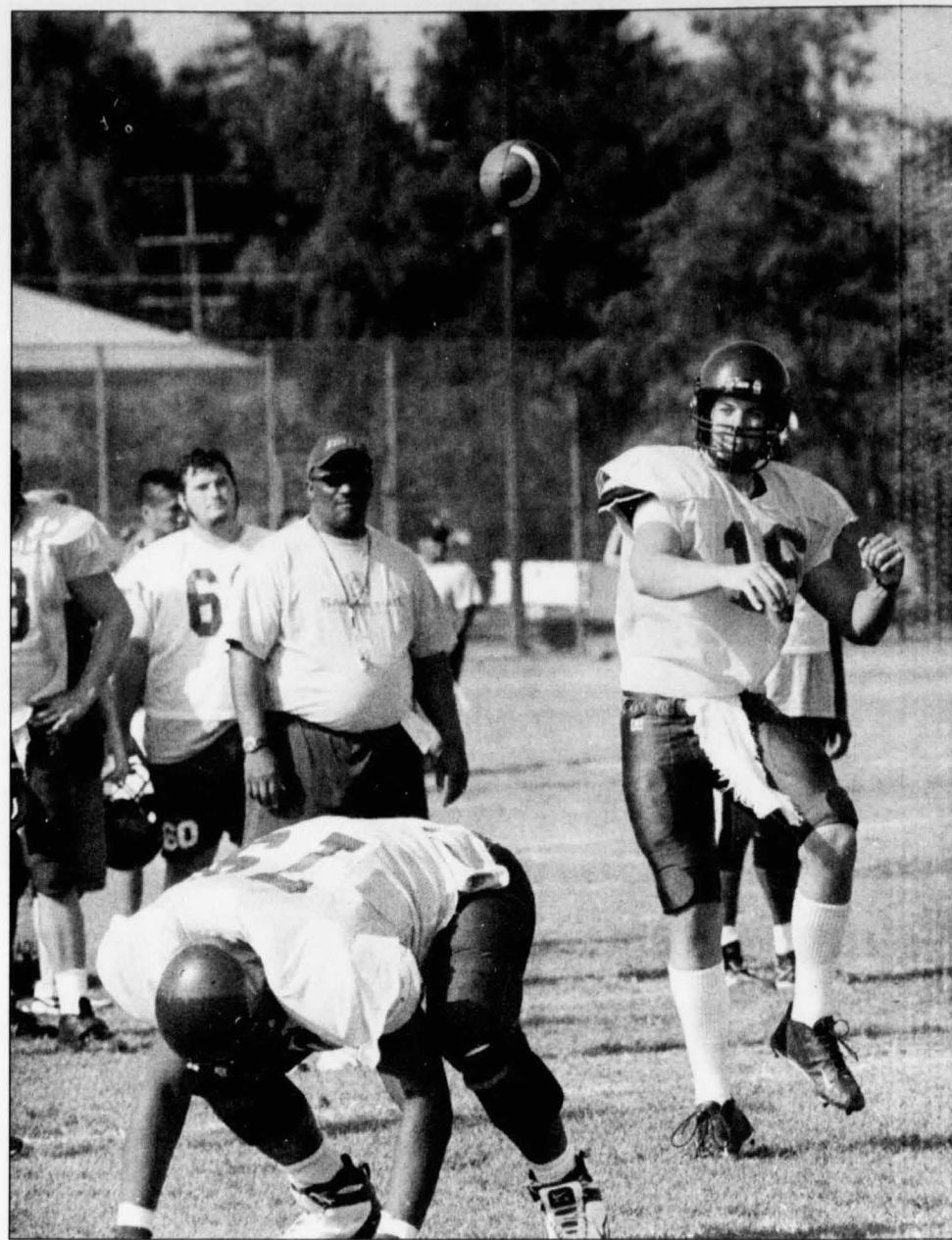
Over the last 22 months, Parry has undergone 20 surgeries.

The contest against No. 12 Ohio State is scheduled for Oct. 12.

The Spartans other home games are against Boise State on Oct. 26, Louisiana Tech on Nov. 9 and Fresno State on Nov. 23.

"You have to expose yourself to the highest level. If you want to be a Top-25 program, this is who you have to play," Hill said of the revamped schedule. "I know all of these guys grew up dreaming of playing in front of 100,000 people in a place like Ohio State."

♦ Daily Managing Editor Dray Miller contributed to this story.



Evan Parker / Daily Staff

Spartan quarterback Beau Pierce, right, launches a pass during Friday's practice. Pierce, Marcus Arroyo and Scott Rislov are vying for the starting quarterback position. Head coach Fitz Hill is expected to name his starting quarterback for Saturday's season-opener today.

## Football 2002 Preview

always-optimistic Hill is quick to admit that this year's team may be a little thin and the health of his players is important.

Combine those factors with the non-conference road trips to perennial national powers Ohio State University and the University of Washington (in all the Spartans' schedule has them playing in 10 states and four time zones) and it becomes easy for any casual observer to dismiss the Spartans as a Western Athletic Conference contender.

But Hill and his staff refuse to buy into the negative hype.

"Life is a matter of perspective," Hill said. "Our goal continues to be as it always was: To win the WAC. We have nowhere to go but up."

If the charge to the top of WAC standings is to materialize this season, SJSU will have to make vast improvements on the defensive side of the ball. Last season, the Spartans allowed 500.8 yards-per-game, ranking 115th among Division I-A teams.

Middle linebacker Paul Okumu, outside linebackers Luke La Herran and Brian Foreman highlight a fresh defensive line.

La Herran accumulated 33 tackles in 2000 and was expected to be a major force on the Spartans defense in 2001.

However, La Herran was out for the season after a knee injury sidelined him after two games.

Cornerback Melvin Cook is the only returning starter and his backfield experience against the WAC's top passing teams of University of Hawaii, Fresno State University and Louisiana Tech University will be crucial.

The SJSU offense has an equal number of question marks with the biggest at the quarterback position.

Marcus Arroyo started the 2001 season for the Spartans but after SJSU started the year 0-5, Hill inserted backup Clint Carlson into the lineup to rejuvenate the offense.

It worked and the Spartans finished the season 3-4 but the Arroyo-Carlson controversy was a subplot that lingered all season.

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— Fitz Hill

SJSU football head coach

snapped up Rislov from Ellsworth College (Iowa Falls, Iowa) where the junior was named a 2001 first-team All-Iowa Community College Athletic Conference selection.

Hill is expected to name the Arkansas starter today, but said last week that, "The guy who leads this team will be the one who takes care of the football."

Arroyo passed for 12 touchdowns last season, but threw 14 interceptions. As an offense, SJSU ranked eighth in the WAC in turnover margin and accumulated 34 turnovers.

"We already know what Marcus can do," Hill said. "Right now, all three of them are qualified to be starters. It's neck and neck but we just can't continue to put the defense in bad situations."

Whoever wins the job will be at a loss for offensive targets.

Wide receivers Charles Pauley, Tuati Wooden and Jamall Broussard start on the outside and will try to replace Edell Shepherd, who ranked fifth in Division I-A receiving yards with 1,500.

Pauley is also expected to return kicks this season.

Up the middle, newcomer tailback Oscar Rigg, halfback Brandon Miles and the diminutive Lamar Ferguson, who at 5-foot-5-inches was the shortest player in Division I-A, will try to fill the gap left by record-setter Deonce Whitaker and Jamar Julien, who signed off-season contracts with the Saskatchewan Rough Riders (of the Canadian Football League) and the Kansas City Chiefs, respectively.

### 2002 SPARTAN SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
8/31	@ Arkansas State	6 p.m.
9/7	@ Washington	12:30 p.m.
9/14	@ Stanford	7 p.m.
9/21	@ Illinois	1 p.m.
9/28	vs. UTEP*	7:15 p.m.
10/5	@ SMU*	2 p.m.
10/12	@ Ohio State	Noon
10/19	@ Nevada*	1 p.m.
10/26	vs. Boise State*	2 p.m.
11/2	@ Hawaii*	6 p.m.
11/9	vs. Louisiana Tech*	2 p.m.
11/16	@ Tulsa*	2 p.m.
11/23	vs. Fresno State*	2 p.m.

\*Western Athletic Conference Opponent

### 2001 RESULTS (3-9)

Opponent	Score
@ USC	10-21
@ Colorado	15-51
@ Arizona State	15-53
@ Louisiana Tech.*	20-41
vs. SMU*	17-24
@ UTEP*	40-28
vs. Tulsa*	63-27
@ Hawaii**	10-34
vs. Nevada*	64-45
@ Boise State*	6-56
@ Fresno State*	21-40
vs. Stanford**	14-41

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\*\* Game postponed from Sept. 15, 2001



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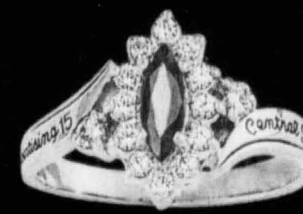
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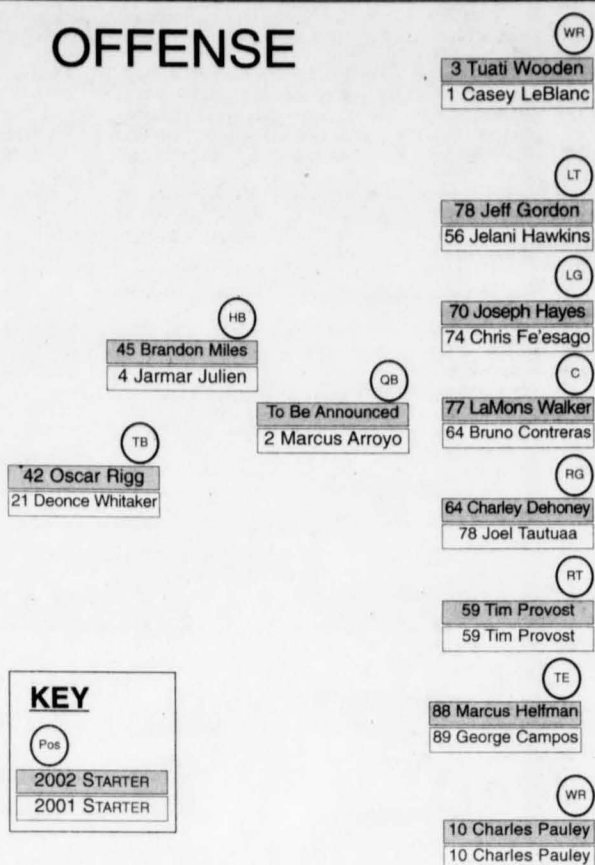
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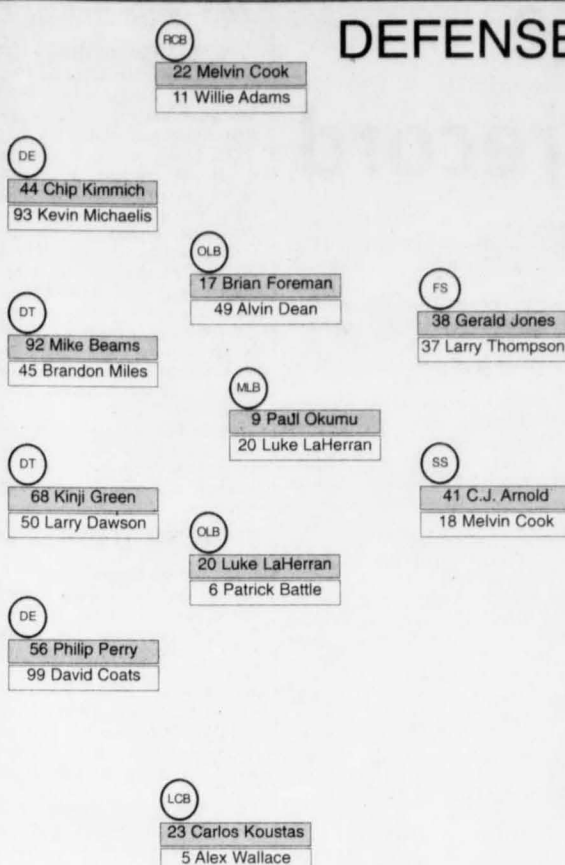
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2002 DEPTH CHART

QUARTERBACKS		DEFENSIVE ENDS	
2	MARCUS ARROYO	44	CHIP KIMMICH
5	SCOTT RISLOV	56	PHILIP PERRY
16	BEAU PIERCE	54	LARNELL RANSOM
TAILBACKS		83	ETHAN ALLEN
42	OSCAR RIGG	DEFENSIVE TACKLES	
8	LAMAR FERGUSON	92	MIKE BEAMS
HALFBACKS		69	KINJI GREEN
45	BRANDON MILES	40	STEVE NASH
26	EZEKIEL STAPLES	93	JASON GUSTUS
WIDE RECEIVERS		LINEBACKERS	
3	TUATI WOODEN	9	PAUL OKUMU
10	CHARLES PAULEY	20	LUKE LAHERRAN
1	KENDRICK STARLING	17	BRIAN FOREMAN
11	JAMALL BROUSSARD	35	ONYEKA OSSAI
TIGHT ENDS		29	MIKE LIRANZO
88	MARCUS HELFMAN	49	TONY FICKLIN
19	COURTNEY ANDERSON	CORNER BACKS	
CENTERS		23	CARLOS KOUSTAS
77	LAMONS WALKER	22	MELVIN COOK
64	CHARLEY DEHONEY	18	QUINCY WASHINGTON
GUARDS		34	TRESTIN GEORGE
70	JOSEPH HAYES	SAFETYS	
64	CHARLEY DEHONEY	41	C.J. ARNOLD
65	KEVIN ISRAEL	38	GERALD JONES
66	JUSTIN ARRINGTON	33	JOSH POWELL
TACKLES		15	BRIAN NUNEZ
59	TIM PROVOST	KICKER	
78	JEFF GORDON	13	NICK GILLIAM
71	JOHN TOENSFELDT	PUNTER	
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# State budget stalemate may set record

SACRAMENTO (AP) — California's budget impasse is on course to break records as it heads into the ninth week and the Legislature prepares for this final marathon week of its 2002 session.

The latest recorded budget in the state was signed Sept. 2, in 1992, and as that date approaches there are few signs of a break in the standoff between Assembly Republicans and Democrats over \$3.7 billion in tax increases.

Saturday is officially the last day of the 2002 legislative session in California. But the Assembly has yet to approve a budget plan and, as of late last week, neither side appeared prepared to budget on the issues.

Meanwhile, state vendors, college students and some programs for the poor and disabled are feeling the sting of the state operating without a budget for nearly two months.

"It certainly is serious," said Jean Ross, executive director of the California Budget Project. "It means that people who are used to having care and services provided to them won't have that available."

State agencies continued to operate and 250,000 non-legislative state workers continued to be paid last week.

However, the budget impasse has prevented California college students from receiving grants to pay for books and housing, it has held up lawmakers' and staffers' paychecks for two months, and it has halted payments to vendors who sell supplies to the state's prisons and hospitals.

It also has stalled payments of nearly 384,000 claims to elderly, blind and disabled Californians who participate in a program of assistance for homeowners or renters. State Controller Kathleen Connell also has withheld paychecks for members of the Legislature and statewide officeholders, including Gov. Gray Davis and

himself.

The state Senate approved a \$99.1 billion budget plan on June 29. However, Republicans in the Assembly refused to supply the four votes needed for two-thirds approval of the budget, protesting tax increases on smokers and drivers included in the plan.

Assembly Speaker Herb Wesson successfully amended the plan to raise cigarette taxes by \$2.13 a pack and abandon plans to raise the car tax.

Assembly Republicans on Thursday called on Gov. Gray Davis to invoke his emergency powers and approve a temporary spending bill that will allow the state to pay education grants and health care bills.

"By taking this critical step, we can ensure California's neediest citizens will not have to suffer or be held hostage while a responsible budget is crafted," Assembly Republican Leader Dave Cox of Fair Oaks said during a news conference.

Davis said he did not want to pass a "piecemeal" budget and blamed Republican Assembly members for failing to put forth the votes.

"It's just clear to me that Assembly Republicans are not interested in solving problems," Davis said. "They just are fixated against any tax of any sort, even a tax on smokers, and I believe you can't fill a \$23 billion shortfall without revenue increases."

Also last week, the chancellor of the nation's largest public university system asked campuses to provide credit for housing and other fees to more than 115,000 students dependent on state financial aid being held up by the battle over the budget.

Chancellor Charles B. Reed also ordered the 23-campus system to enroll California State University students receiving state-funded assistance, and release federal aid that could be used to buy books and pay other housing costs.

## Screener training for bombs reported as low as 15 minutes

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Some airport screeners who are part of a team that moves from airport to airport serving as models for the federal takeover of aviation security got as little as 15 minutes of training on how to screen baggage for bombs.

The screeners, members of the Transportation Security Administration's Mobile Screening Force, are checking baggage in Dallas, Providence, R.I., and Norfolk, Va.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported Sunday that some of the screeners working at the Norfolk airport were given "abbreviated training."

The federal Aviation and Transportation Security Act requires security screeners to have 40 hours of training in the classroom and 60 hours of training on the job.

Transportation administration spokesman Greg Warren said screeners who check passengers are required to have 100 hours of training. He acknowledged that some members of the screening force "have had abbreviated training," but said they were operating baggage screening machines and were not screening passengers.

He said that eventually, all the members of the screening force will complete the training.

"The level of training that they've received in how to run the equipment is adequate for the (Norfolk) pilot

program," Warren said.

The manufacturers of the bomb detection machines recommend between two and six hours of training. Dallas and Providence screeners say they received additional instruction in using the equipment.

Gary Burns, a spokesman for Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., chairman of the House Aviation Subcommittee said the short training could lead to cracks in the security system.

"If the people doing the job are saying they're not getting enough training, I think any citizen would be concerned about that," he said.

The newspaper reports that the Norfolk screeners have said they were never tested or certified to operate bomb-detection equipment.

Heather Rosenker, a spokeswoman for the Transportation Security Administration, said the Norfolk screeners did not make independent decisions and were constantly being watched by people who are experts at baggage screening.

The federal takeover of airport screening, previously done by employees of private companies, is supposed to improve security because of better training of screeners. More than 50,000 screeners need to be deployed at U.S. airports before the end of the year. Only 16,500 have been hired so far.

## Farmworkers call for binding arbitration

### 5,000 union marchers end 165-mile trek at Capitol

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Thousands of farmworkers and union supporters walked the final leg of a 165-mile, 11-day journey Sunday in support of a legislative bill that seeks to give farmworkers the right to binding arbitration.

The march ended on the stairs of the Capitol, where farmworkers, union leaders and activists called for Gov. Gray Davis to sign the bill. Davis spent Sunday in Fresno unveiling an advertisement campaign aimed at increasing demand for California farm products. He has not yet made a decision on the measure, which pits two of his biggest supporters against each other.

Early Sunday morning, roughly 5,000 people gathered here at Cesar Chavez park, with crowds of people dancing, playing music and lining up to take pictures next to a statue of United Farm Worker co-founder Cesar Chavez, titled "Marching to Sacramento."

Senate Pro Tem John Burton, D-San Francisco, who authored the bill, dared Davis to sign the measure prior to the march so that "Republicans cannot accuse him of putting money before politics."

If it becomes law, the bill would allow a state panel to step in and settle contract disputes that have reached a stalemate. United Farm Workers of America President Arturo Rodriguez said the provision is needed to finish the work started more than 35 years ago.

"The United Farm Workers has achieved many gains for farmworkers in the last four decades," Rodriguez said. "Yet the great majority of California farmworkers still endure the grinding poverty that has been their lot for generations in this rich and bountiful land."

Rodriguez cited federal labor statistics showing that 75 percent of California farmworkers earned less than \$10,000 a year in 1998, while 90 percent didn't have health insurance.

California has the nation's largest and fastest growing agricultural industry, which is expected to top \$29.8 billion this year.

Large growers — some of Davis' biggest contributors — charge that binding arbitration would unfairly single them out when other private industries do not have to abide by such laws.

"Binding arbitration doesn't apply to other employer groups," said Don Gordon, president of the Agricultural Council of California. "There are other unions that are using the (Agricultural Labor Relations Act). There are other unions out there that

seem to be doing just fine."

Growers point to the 1975 farm labor relations law — still the only of its kind in the nation — that they say is protection enough for farmworkers. Under the law, farmworker unions can seek a "make-whole remedy," which lets them take their case before a judge if the growers do not negotiate in good faith.

But UFW spokesman Marc Grossman said that the law's provision does little to help farmworkers.

"First of all, whenever you have a substantial penalty on somebody, you also have a lengthy process of litigation and appeal," Grossman said. "Farmworkers are highly transient. By the time the judgment comes through, the farmworkers are gone."

Farmworker unions can also be at a disadvantage because many of the workers are undocumented.

"It's estimated that well over half of our migrant labor force is composed of illegal immigrants," said Susan Schneider, director of the agricultural law program at the University of Arkansas. "Those folks have very little protection under the law. They're going to be very unlikely to pursue any legal remedy because of fear that they are going to be deported."

It's also unclear if undocumented workers are entitled to back pay. In March, the U.S. Supreme Court said an undocumented worker was not entitled to back pay.

## How to track a bill

Associated Press

In the rush to complete the legislative session this week, these are the Internet addresses: For Assembly bills: <http://www.assembly.ca.gov> For Senate bills at <http://www.senate.ca.gov>

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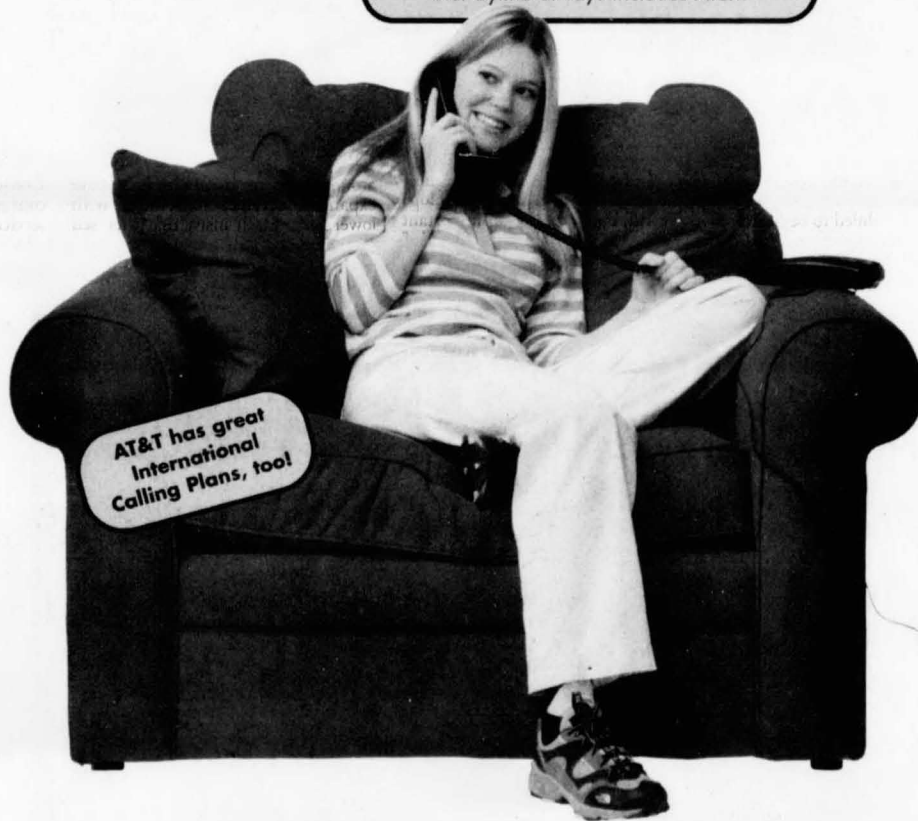
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## Solar power battles face legislators

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Solar power proponents are fighting two legislative battles they say are necessary to keep the alternative energy source growing in California.

One battle is to keep a tax credit for homeowners or business owners who install solar panels to generate electricity. That tax credit, which is estimated to cost the state \$17 million, could be suspended as lawmakers try to find \$23 billion in budget cuts.

The other is a fight over a bill over net-metering — the payments utilities make to owners of rooftop solar power systems that produce energy. A bill by Assemblyman Fred Keeley would extend net-metering for larger electricity projects beyond the end of this year, when it's scheduled to expire.

Currently, when rooftop solar panels produce excess power, the owners are credited for that power at the retail rate. Utilities want to change that so that credit reflects the wholesale cost of power, not the retail rate, for solar energy systems that produce more than 10 kilowatts of power.

"Only a select group of customers can afford these things," said Tommy Ross, spokesman for Southern California Edison, which is opposed to Keeley's version.

The remaining ratepayers shouldn't subsidize them by paying the retail rate, which includes charges for transmission and distribution, public goods charges, and now, repayment for the state's energy debt which will be paid through bonds, he said.

A typical solar array on a residence produces between one and two kilowatts of energy, said Pacific Gas and Electric Co. spokesman John Nelson. The utilities are concerned about larger projects that range from 10 kilowatts to one megawatt. One megawatt is enough power for about 750 homes.

"We're not talking about units that would go on the top of a small business or a residence. These are significant units that cost a half-million dollars or more," Nelson said.

In order to credit a wholesale rate, the owners of solar panels would have to purchase and install a time-of-use meter, said Kari Smith, manager of regulatory affairs for PowerLight Inc., makers of solar energy systems.

Smith said that will further discourage people from investing in solar panels, but Nelson said the \$1,500 meter is a fraction of the cost of a major system.

Keeley's bill is scheduled to be heard in a conference committee today so lawmakers can hammer out differences between the author and the utilities, which successfully lobbied to have the wholesale rate amended into the bill in the Senate.

## World's coral reefs in serious decline, study finds

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Scientists warn the first global survey of the health of the world's coral reefs shows they are in serious decline, with overfishing worsening a crisis situation.

Scientists and volunteers found that overfishing has impacted 95 percent of more than 1,000 coral reefs monitored since 1997. At least four species of reef fish, hunted as food or to adorn aquariums, face extinction, further threatening the biodiversity of the marine ecosystems.

The results of the five-year study are presented in a report being released Monday by the Institute of the Environment's Reef Check program at the University of California, Los Angeles. More than 5,000 scientists and volunteers in about 60 countries contributed to the survey, possibly the largest ecological study ever undertaken.

"What we have seen is coral reefs have been damaged more in the last 20 years than they have in the last 1,000. Suddenly, the pressures of overfishing and damaging types of fishing — dynamiting fish and poisoning fish, particularly in Southeast Asia — have taken off," said Gregor Hodgson, a UCLA marine ecologist and founder of Reef Check.

When populations of overfished species, including fish and sea urchins, plummet, the algae they normally keep in check can grow to smother coral and kill an entire reef, Hodgson said.

Coral reefs where fishing has been banned or restricted show signs of recovery. But virtually all the world's reefs show signs of declining health. The survey turned up just one reef, near

Madagascar, of 1,107 surveyed that could be considered pristine, Hodgson said.

Pollution and increased amounts of sediments are also taking their toll. A recent study identified bacteria found in the intestines of humans and other animals as the cause of a disease killing elkhorn corals in the Caribbean Sea.

Scientists organized the first international conference to discuss the global decline in coral reef health in 1993. Since then, they have struggled with how to devise a program to monitor the world's reefs. Reefs make up just .09 percent of the area of the world's oceans and are spread around the globe, making them difficult to study without the help of volunteers.

"The volunteer component is fantastic. How else can you reach so much of the coral reefs?"

said Jamie Hawkins, deputy director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Ocean Service. NOAA underwrote a portion of a cost of the report.

The report's authors said the project is as much about science as it is raising the public's awareness of the coral reef situation. One contributor acknowledged the size of the survey precludes its being as scientifically rigorous as would be a smaller study.

"There's always a trade-off between quantity and precision. They got a lot of quantity and not a lot of precision," said Jeremy Jackson, a professor at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. NOAA intends to issue its own national state-of-the-reefs report next month.

## A new global issue: privatizing water

### Plan to pull water from desert under fire

TWENTY-NINE PALMS, Calif. (AP) — The Mojave Desert might not leap to mind as a source of water in California, but until recently a project to pump water from beneath this cracked earth was considered a key to safeguarding the state against future droughts.

Now, as the federal Bureau of Land Management is poised to give approval to the project, the plan is coming under increasing political fire.

The project would store water from the Colorado River in an aquifer near Joshua Tree during wet years then tap that supply during dry years to quench the thirst of Southern California households.

Opponents fear the plan first proposed nearly five years ago by Santa Monica-based Cadiz Inc. would drain local reserves and have a disastrous impact on the fragile desert ecosystem. Cadiz has repeatedly said it has taken steps to ensure the project won't damage the environment.

Leading the latest charge against the project is California Sen. Dianne Feinstein.

Earlier this month she proposed a Congressional amendment that would prohibit the BLM from approving the project. She followed last week with a letter to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California urging the agency to scuttle its tentative deal with Cadiz to help build the project and buy the water.

The BLM is the last federal agency that must sign off on the project and has indicated it's likely to do so in the next several weeks after studying an environmental impact report.

After that, the MWD will consider giving its final OK.

But MWD board member Glenn Brown said Feinstein's letter and other considerations are raising red flags.

"It doesn't look good," he said. "There just isn't as much water as they say there is."

Officials with Cadiz remain optimistic that their private-public partnership with the district will go through. The system could cost \$150 million to build and generate \$1 billion in water sales over the next 50 years.

"I believe this project will happen," said Wendy Mitchell, spokeswoman for the agricultural firm. "We have a crisis coming at the end of the year."

Mitchell was referring to the Dec. 31 federal deadline for California to come up with a plan to reduce its use of water from the overtaxed Colorado River. California currently uses up to 800,000 acre-feet a year more than its allotment from the river. That's the amount consumed each year by 1.6 million households.

If California doesn't meet the deadline, the Department of the Interior could cut off the extra water, forcing the state to tap precious reserves.

The Cadiz project has been touted as a key to resolving the problem. Few dispute the idea that the sand beneath the Mojave Desert is a good place to store water.

The conflict involves just how much local water can be pumped out without damaging the environment.

Environmentalists and Feinstein worry that Cadiz will draw so much water from the soil that massive dust storms will become common. But the environmental report now under consideration notes that dust storms already occur in the area.

Cochabamba uprising in glowing terms. Today, she acknowledges, the current cooperative-run water system is in shambles, with neither capital nor experience.

"Why can you find money for a private company and not a public company?" she asked, arguing that international agencies should help local authorities run their water utilities.

Other activists worry there is a flaw in the logic of privatization: If companies make money by delivering water, won't their incentive be to sell as much as they can rather than to conserve a scarce resource?

But William Cosgrove, a Canadian consultant who helped draft the World Water Vision paper for an environment summit last year in the Hague, Netherlands, insists that most people, company executives included, believe water is a basic right.

"This is controversial simply because it's not understood," he said. "As long as it is accepted that governments set up regulatory frameworks and define objectives, they can make the best use of water they have."

Suez and Vivendi executives agree. Jean-Luc Trancart, a Suez spokesman with long experience in French water management, argues that private companies fill a vital need. "I always tell activists if they really want to hurt us, they should make the public sector work better," he said.

Pierre Victoria, community relations director at Vivendi, says government must take a regulatory role and argues that private management is bound to fail if people do not see better service at fair rates.

In the long term, Gleick at the Pacific Institute thinks, private companies are not likely to be the prime movers. Already, he said, large American cities with good municipal systems are thinking twice about privatization.

"If the big-profile examples like Atlanta get ugly, that will slow things down fast," he said.

And business opportunities are limited in countries without strong civil societies.

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# HOUSING | Students find privacy in apartments



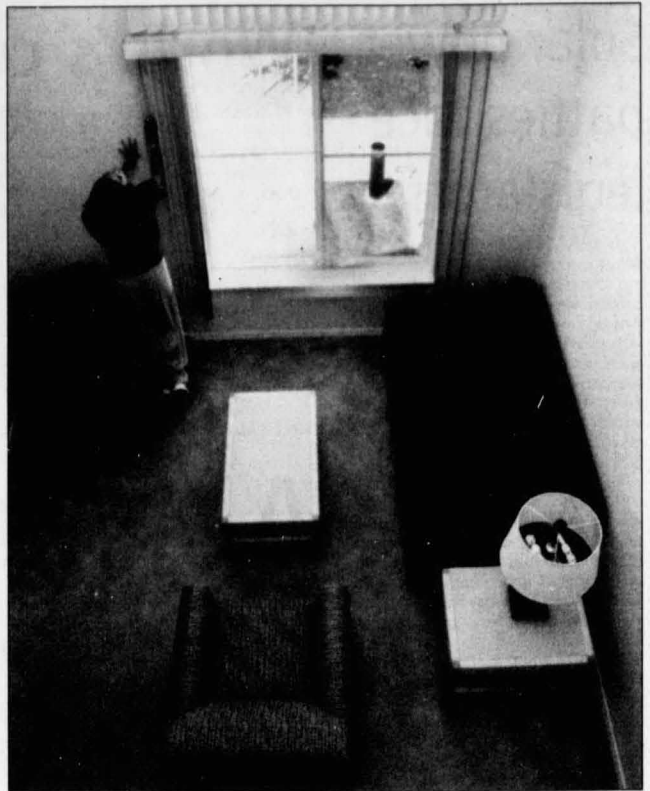
Nobu Haga, who is working towards a second bachelor's degree in industrial design, hangs out in his apartment at the Esplanade Apartments.

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dorms." There are three resident advisers assigned to the Esplanade. Lizette Vega, a senior animation major and Esplanade resident adviser, was excited about the new opportunity in student housing. Vega highlighted the differences in being a resident adviser in the new apartments and being one in the dorms.

"In the dorms you feel like you're baby-sitting. Here you're dealing with a different age group. They're older and more experienced." Vega also said she had a feeling of pride in her new home, and she could see the same feeling in the faces of the new residents as they checked-in. "I like it here because it's quieter, you are more separated than in the dorms and you don't see others as much, and that makes it a challenge to keep the communication going with the residents," she said. "It's a good feeling that we are able to provide

this opportunity to the students." According to Vega, many of the new students are excited to see their new apartments and to get settled in. The students moving in this year are the first tenants in the buildings, which were completed earlier this year. Heather Foos, a senior majoring in administration of justice, shares a one-bedroom apartment with her roommate. "I think it's better than the dorms, and it's certainly better than Spartan Village." Foos, a two-year resident of Joe West Hall, said her new apartment suited her well. "The only problem is the walls are thin. If you have neighbors like ours, the music comes right through the floor. It's nice to still have RA's," Foos said. "The parking situation is not so great. We have to find parking elsewhere because of the small number of spaces here." Each one and two-bedroom apartment is guaranteed one space in the complex's garages. Each three-bedroom apartment is allotted two spaces. The remaining garage spaces were given out in a lottery process. Foos had only one other complaint. "Having to cook for ourselves sucks." According to University Housing Services literature, students were allowed to choose from one, two and three-bedroom apartments. They were also given the choice of selecting their roommates or having them assigned. While students are relatively free to live as they please, Vegas said the resident advisers will be making monthly inspections of the apartments to make sure that they are being properly maintained.



Lizette Vega, a Esplanade Apartments resident adviser, closes the blinds in her two-bedroom apartment.

## Caret can veto campus smoking

By Ali Fard  
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Regulations of the campus smoking policy will now be the responsibility of President Robert Caret since the California State University board of trustees met in July and gave CSU presidents full authority on smoking guidelines at all 23 campuses. Currently, smoking inside buildings is against California law, but San Jose State University has adopted the 15-foot rule around the campus environment. The 25-member board of trustees meets six times a year to provide jurisdiction over administration of the universities in the system. The trustees came to this decision when a student group called C.O.U.G.H. (Campuses Organized and United for Good Health) presented a memo to a meeting in May calling for stricter smoking policies. The group was comprised of students from several CSU campuses. According to the meeting summary,

the trustees then recommended action from CSU presidents "who can issue rules responsive to local conditions." The full CSU policy will be drafted by the trustees in mid-September. Karis Bituin, a senior in occupational therapy at SJSU and a member of C.O.U.G.H. said the organization was created in April to make proactive decisions about campus health. "In the long run, we're trying to have all the CSU systems non-smoking," Bituin said. "It bothers me when I see students smoking right at the (campus) entrance. It's affecting many students out there." Her interest in health and some of the research she's done on second-hand smoke are some of the reasons she decided to be a part of the group. The removal of all ash cans and cigarette-butts receptacles are also important issues for the student group. "I feel that the current campus policy for the CSU system is not enforced," Bituin said. Lt. Bruce Lowe of the SJSU University Police Department, said

the department doesn't deal with people who don't follow smoking guidelines mostly because it's a civil issue rather than a criminal one. The department cites people for trespassing if they are smoking in an undesignated area and refuse to move. It is unclear which direction the smoking policy at SJSU will take. Sylvia Hutchinson, interim director for communications and public affairs, said that although Caret is given new authority over the policy, he has forwarded the authority to Academic Senate for recommendations. "The senate always has broad discussion on all of its policy recommendations," Hutchinson said. "I'm sure the entire campus community will have an opportunity to weigh in with proposed changes." Bituin said Caret has been supportive for her group's campaign. She also understands that some might not want to take initiative with the new policies. The Academic Senate will meet in September to discuss a possible

change in the current university policy, which was established in May of 1993. C.O.U.G.H. is wishing to get non-smoking policies at all campuses by August 2005.

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